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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Mitsuyuki MATSUMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/622,439

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For: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING SREB2 RECEPTOR

Docket No: Q60438

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Examiner: S. WEGERT

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The Examiner issued a Final Office Action on October 23, 2002. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal and Petition for Extension of Time for a three month extension on April 23, 2002, thus extending the next due date to June 23, 2002. As June 23, 2002, falls on a Sunday, the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being timely filed within two months of the filing date of the Notice of Appeal, extended to Monday, June 24, 2002. Therefore, no Extension of Time is required.

As the RCE removes the finality of the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, the instant Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 is appropriate.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks as submitted herewith.